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# DEATH CONFESSES



## SHIPS SEIZED BY VENEZUELA.

Two Vessels Supposed to Be American Held by the Government.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—The State Department was informed this afternoon by cable from Venezuela that the Government there had taken possession of two steamers belonging to the Orinoco Steamship Company. No details of the seizure have been made public. The Orinoco Company is understood to be an American concern operating between Port Au Spain and points up the Orinoco River. The head of the company is said to be an American named Albright. The seizure is supposed to have a bearing on the asphalt troubles in Venezuela. Rival concerns are at odds over certain rights and the Venezuelan Government was inclined to take sides in the matter, although advised from Washington not to do so.

## JUSTICE AFTER FIGHTERS.

Grand Jury also Charged to Look Into Basketball Row.

TRENTON, Jan. 15.—Justice Gammer in the Mercer County Court today charged the Grand Jury, and he said if the newspaper reports were true, the basketball contest at the Trenton Athletic Club on Christmas Day, between Harry Becker, a prize fighter and the Grand Jury would be a disgrace.

## MANY IN PERIL OF CONTAGION.

Peddler 12 Hours Dead Before Small-Pox Was Suspected.

Benjamin Tolkofski died of small-pox and his body lay twelve hours in the crowded tenement at 31 Boerum street, Brooklyn, before the nature of the contagion was known.

In the mean time his family—wife and two children—received visits from friends and from delegates of the Jewish societies to which the dead man belonged. When the health officials entered the house to-day they found a score of mourners round the death bed.

Tolkofski was a peddler. He had been sick just one week and died yesterday. His physician, Dr. M. W. Dreyer, of 99 McKibbin street, had called the disease typhoid.

Now the Brooklyn Health Board is worried because they say that some 200 people have been exposed to the infection and it will be difficult to trace them all. They have the family under detention and are doing their best to vaccinate the members of the benevolent societies who called at the home. Just before noon Health Officer Black summoned Dr. Dreyer to his office to explain why the case had not been reported. The physician declared he thought it typhoid and wasn't even sure it was as bad as that.

## QUAY WON FIGHT AND WAS CHOSEN SENATOR

Mob Delayed Vote in the Assembly and the Police Called Out—Quay Had a Dozen Votes to Spare.

HARRISBURG, Jan. 15.—The State Senate to-day selected M. S. Quay as its choice for United States Senator. The ballot was: Quay 26, Guffey (Dem.) 12, Dalzell, anti-Quay (Rep.) 10, Huff and Smith 1 each.

The vote in the Assembly was delayed by crowds surging on the floor, making it necessary for Speaker Marshall to appeal to the Mayor for police aid.

The Sergeant-at-Arms telephoned to the police station, and during the wait for the police the officers of the House made another unsuccessful effort to disperse the crowd.

When order was finally restored in the House the vote was taken and Quay received 104 votes, a majority. This insures his election. Tomorrow both Houses will meet in joint session and ratify the choice.

The anti-Quayites threaten to file a protest against Quay being seated at Washington. There are charges and counter charges of bribery, and although no specific accusations have been made in this line it is generally understood that money was freely and corruptly used.

The House vote was: Quay, 104; Guffey, 12; Dalzell, 21; Huff, 6; Smith, 11; Harris, 1.

ALBANY, Jan. 15.—The Assembly Committee late this afternoon reported favorably by a vote of 7 to 3 the New York City Police bill, which provides for the abolition of the Police Commissioners and the office of the Chief of Police and for the establishment of a single-headed commission.

## GOURDAIN OUT OF JAIL.

Man Who Subpoenaed President McKinley Set Free.

Louis Gourdain, who has been in the Tombs three months awaiting trial on the charge of conducting a lottery, was discharged to-day by Judge Cowley in Part I. of General Sessions. Assistant District Attorney Townsend recommended Gourdain's discharge.

He conducted a get-rich-quick concern at 1 Madison avenue. A month ago Recorder Goff appointed a commission to examine into Gourdain's sanity. This was due to Gourdain subpoenaing President McKinley, Bishop Potter, J. Edward Simmons, Chauncey Dewey and a lot of other celebrities to testify as to his character. None of the people subpoenaed knew him. The commission reported him sane.



MATTHEW S. QUAY.

## SENATOR HOAR RE-ELECTED.

Massachusetts Democrats in Senate and House Voted for Him.

BOSTON, Jan. 15.—George Frisbie Hoar, 216 West Twenty-sixth street, was re-elected to-day in both Senate and House of the Massachusetts Legislature, to succeed himself in the United States Senate for a term commencing March 1, 1901.

The vote in the Senate was 29 for Hoar and 8 for Richard Olney, of Boston. One Democratic Senator voted for Hoar.

The vote of the House was 169 for Hoar, 48 for Olney, and 1 for Charles H. Bradley (Social Democrat), of Haverhill. Four Democratic members of the House voted for Hoar.

Rupert Schefbauer, the chief electrician of the Sterling Arc Lamp Company, 216 West Twenty-sixth street, was instantly killed by electricity at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon.

## 500 VOLTS KILL AN ELECTRICIAN.

In dying he demonstrated that a current of less force than that usually used by the State will produce death.

Mr. Schefbauer was experimenting with an invention of his own, upon which he had just been granted letters patent, when he accidentally touched a wire conveying a current of 500 volts.

The foreman of the experiment room, Frank Gubling, opened the door just in time to see the victim flung against the floor. He turned off the current and upon examining the prostrate man discovered he was dead.

Mr. Schefbauer lived at 47 Perry street, Jersey City, where he had a wife and two children.

More Dowle Lane Workers Held. (Special to the Evening World.)

PORTLAND, Me., Jan. 15.—The Allen line steamer Tunisian arrived to-day with thirty-two English lace makers, brought here by Rev. Dr. Alex. Dowle and destined for Zion's City, Chicago. They were detained.

Killed by an Electric Shock. (Special to the Evening World.)

Rupert Schoenbaum, fifty years old, was killed by an electric shock this afternoon at 21 West Twenty-sixth street.

## DETECTIVE TITUS WEEPS WHEN ACCUSING CAMPBELL

COURT-HOUSE, PATERSON, Jan. 15.

Detective Titus was recalled after Prosecutor Emley had announced at 4:47 that the State was prepared to rest its case in the Bosschietter murder trial.

His emotional testimony, and while he was telling his story and conversed Campbell, broke down and wept. "I know him well and it's hard for me to say this," said the old detective. Then he bowed his head in his hands and sobbed violently for several minutes.

Campbell shifted about uneasily, affected by the detective's tears. McAlister turned and glanced at him, and Campbell bit his lip and straightened back. A moment later Campbell drew a handkerchief from his pocket and wiped his eyes.

It looks very much as if Death and Campbell were trying to put the blame on McAlister to save themselves from the chloral charge, while Kerr is being exonerated of the assault charge.

William B. Barry, a policeman, was called and he told how Death, when all had gone and left him and Barry alone in the Chief's room late Tuesday night, leant over and said to him:

"What do you think they will do with us?" McAlister, Campbell, Kerr and I, you know, are mixed up in that Bosschietter case."

Policeman Barry also related that Death had said to him when alone "That fellow McAlister is a ———— He's the cause of all this."

Lawyer Dunn stopped him before he could say anything more.

## RESULTS AT NEW ORLEANS.

FIFTH RACE—Lady Contrary 1, Alpaca 2, Mordomo 3.  
SIXTH RACE—Lillian Reed 1, Agitator 2, Tournay 3.

## POISON EXPERTS TELL OF FINDING CHLORAL.

A DRUG KILLED JENNIE BOSSCHIETER. Prof. Witthaus, the chief witness to-day, testified that he found 2 1/2 grains of chloral (knockout drops) in the phial used by the gang.

He also swore he found five grains of chloral in the stomach, and declared Jennie must have taken "much more than twenty grains." At least ten times as much as the five grains found.

The accused have adopted a line of defense that SHE DIED FROM DRINKING TOO MUCH ABSINTHE, and the cross-examination was to develop that theory.

## CONSUELO FELL FROM HER HORSE. KELLY'S FAITH GETS A JOLT.

Duchess of Marlborough Met with Mishap Following the Hounds.

LONDON, Jan. 15.—The Duchess of Marlborough (Consuelo Vanderbilt) while hunting with the Hertsford hounds yesterday was thrown from her horse while clearing a fence.

The horse rolled over her, but she escaped with nothing more than a severe shaking.

## UNDERTAKER GETS VERDICT.

Recovers \$1000 from Widow Schmidt for Burying Mother-in-Law.

A verdict of \$1000 was given today in the City Court against Mrs. Josephine Schmidt, widow of Augustus Schmidt, the rich brewer, and in favor of James E. McLarney & Sons, undertakers, of Six Third avenue. Mrs. Schmidt lives at 106, Third street, and 15th avenue.

The undertakers' bill was for service at the funeral a year ago of Mrs. Edith Schmidt, the defendant's mother-in-law. The widow Schmidt contended that the bill should have been rendered to Mrs. Emma Schwartz, sister, who, she said, made the funeral arrangements.

## M'KINLEY WORKS IN ROOM.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—The President is daily gaining strength and everything points to a speedy recovery. He is attending to more business than at any time since his illness, but he does not expect to go into his office for several days yet.

## M'ALISTER POURED KNOCKOUT DROPS IN JENNIE'S GLASS.

Wrung from Him by Force, He Said on Witness-Stand, but Emley Got It Before the Jury—Prosecution Rests.

William A. Death, one of the three men on trial for the murder of Jennie Bosschietter, confessed to the Paterson police. This confession, which points directly at McAlister, was gotten before the court by a shrewd move this afternoon.

Detective Titus testified to the confession, but Judge Dixon ruled it out. Then Death himself was called to the stand. His testimony went to show that force had been used.

The detective was recalled in rebuttal, and read from his note-book the confession. In this Death said that McAlister put "knockout" drops into Jennie's glass THREE TIMES.

He said McAlister, Campbell and he himself assaulted the girl, but he was not sure of Kerr.

Just before this Death flew into a passion and cried, "It's a lie! It's a lie!"

After this, at 5:15 P. M., the State rested its case. The defense will begin to-morrow.

## CONFESSION BAD FOR M'ALISTER.

How It Was Brought Up in Rebuttal of Death's Testimony.

(By direct wire to the Evening World.)

PATERSON, N. J., Jan. 15.

William A. Death was called to the witness stand this afternoon at the trial of McAlister, Death and Campbell for the murder of Jennie Bosschietter, much to the surprise of all present.

He was called upon after he gave the detective the point of rising in court and denying that he had betrayed any or all of his companions. Finally he could contain himself no longer.

"It's a lie! It's a lie-a lie!" he hissed. His face was scarlet and white by turns. His impotent rage was painful. When he had finished the lie at the detective he suddenly became calm.

The intense nervous strain under which Death has been all day has been noticeable. His counsel had been apprehensive of an outbreak. When he spoke to his attorneys it was in petulant, excited, irritable tones.

## Great Change in Death.

Ever since noon the change in the young man's appearance has been marked. He looks like a man of forty this afternoon, with his sunken cheeks and lackluster eyes, while yesterday he was the freshest and brightest appearing man in the courtroom.

He seemed to be attended by a physician. When Death was called he stepped forward quickly and took the oath. In a clear voice he told the story of his arrest.

"They came to my house at 2 o'clock

## THESE FACTS POINT TO POISON IN PATERSON CASE.

The Prosecution declares Jennie was killed by knockout drops, BECAUSE—

She became unconscious after drinking.

A vial dropped by the men had contained chloral hydrate.

Five grains of chloral were found in her stomach.

Prof. Witthaus testifies that she must have had over twenty grains.

Her death was evidently due to respiratory organs being "doped."

The Defense declares Jennie died from absinthe poisoning, BECAUSE—

She drank absinthe in Saal's saloon.

She drank cocktails, absinthe and champagne.

A big dose of absinthe would kill, they claim.

In the morning. There were Lord and Titus and two others. They said to him, hurry up. I was in bed. They took me to the station-house, in the back room, I walked in and saw three revolvers upon a table.

"Mr. Titus said to me: 'Billy, you needn't try to kill yourself with them, and don't be afraid, they ain't loaded.'"

"Then the detectives told me that they had Mack and Kerr down stairs, and that if I told all, as they had done, it would go right with me, that is, they would make it easy."

"You knew who these men were, these detectives, didn't you?"

"Yes, I knew them."

"Were you afraid when they spoke of the pistols?"

"Yes, I was afraid."

Death seemed to regain much of his composure as the examination proceeded. He was very pale and pained.

Death resumed his seat beside Campbell, trembling, perspiring, pale.

McAlister and Campbell listened eagerly to every word Death uttered. At times McAlister stopped chewing gum and twice he smiled, but whether in contempt or sympathy it was hard to say, for McAlister's face tells few tales.

Rebuttal Death's Story.

Detective Titus was called to rebut testimony of Death. From a small memorandum book he read extracts from the alleged confession of Death.

In this Death denied he had ever been back riding in company with McAlister and Campbell. Then, according to Titus, the detectives told him that he had led to rights and Death smiled and said:

"Well, she certainly had the gun

Weather Forecast.

Forecast for the thirty-six hours ending at 8 P. M.

Wednesday for New York City and vicinity: Fair and continued warm to-night.

Wednesday: Fair to fresh to brisk north winds.

Thursday: Fair to fresh to brisk north winds.

Friday: Fair to fresh to brisk north winds.